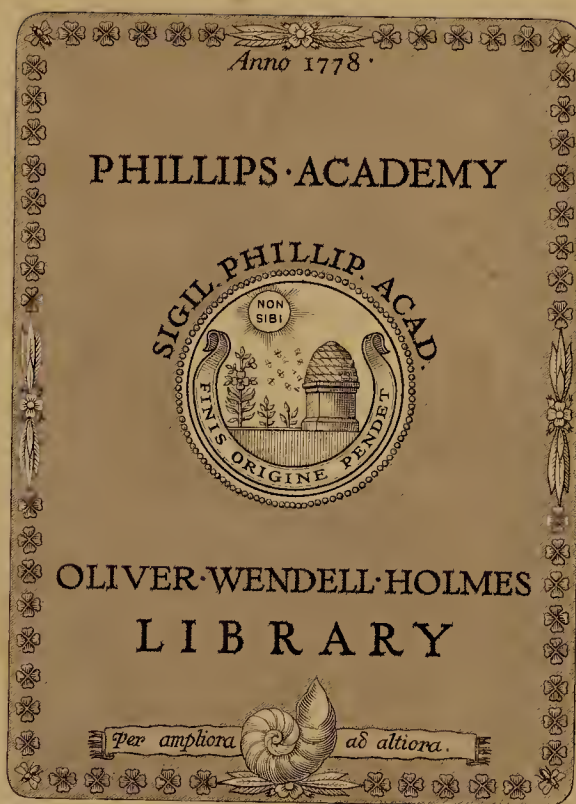


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## PREFACE

This collection of views is intended to show some specimens of the houses built in Newburyport during the period when it ranked as one of the principal shipping and commercial centers of the country — near the time of the American Revolution and during the early part of the nineteenth century. In addition a few of the older seventeenth century houses are included as types of the simpler dwellings of that period. In making the choice of subjects selection has been limited to those buildings which are still in a reasonably good state of preservation and which, so far as possible, have retained their original design.

As demonstrating the great importance of the shipping business of Massachusetts at the time in question, statistics show that in the year 1804, probably for the only time in history, the duties collected in this State exceeded those of any other state in the Union, not excepting New York. The following year, 1805, marked the height of Newburyport's commercial prosperity, when its customs receipts were the third largest of any port in New England, probably ranking seventh in the United States, and its imports for a single month were valued at \$800,000.<sup>1</sup> In this same year there belonged in Newburyport one hundred and seventy-three merchant vessels of the larger type, such as ships, brigs and schooners, besides many sloops not enumerated. Newburyport was likewise very extensively engaged in the building of vessels, it being reported that there were one hundred ships under construction at one time.<sup>2</sup> Here were built the continental frigates "Boston," "Hancock" and "Alliance" and the sloops of war "Merrimack" and "Wasp."<sup>3</sup> At a later date many of the swift clipper ships were built here, including the famous "Dreadnought," one of the fastest in the world.

As further evidence of the maritime prowess of the inhabitants it is stated, in a memorial to Congress, that during the War of the Revolution there was fitted out from this port a fleet of twenty-four privateers which captured one hundred and twenty vessels and over twenty-two hundred men, these vessels

with their cargoes being sold for \$3,950,000.<sup>4</sup> In the short career of the "Wasp," mentioned above (May-November, 1814) she captured thirteen English vessels, sinking twelve and sending one to port.<sup>5</sup>

By the census of 1800 Newburyport was the third largest town in Massachusetts and, including the Town of Newbury of which it was formerly a part and with which it has always formed one social and business community, its population was exceeded only by that of Boston.

To illustrate the relative standing of Newburyport among other important communities, at this period, a quotation is given from a published letter of Timothy Dwight, former President of Yale College, who made a series of extensive tours through New England and New York for the purpose of studying the country and the people. After his visit to Newburyport, about the year 1800, he wrote: "The houses, taken collectively, make a better appearance than those of any other town in New England. Many of them are particularly handsome. Their appendages, also, are unusually neat. Indeed an air of wealth, taste and elegance is spread over this beautiful spot with a cheerfulness and brilliancy to which I know no rival." After more remarks concerning the commerce of the city and the manner of life of its inhabitants he concluded, "Upon the whole, few places, probably, in the world, furnish more means of a delightful residence than Newburyport."<sup>6</sup>

With the exception of the old historic houses, which are scattered through the book, the following views commence in the north end of the city and follow, in a general way, toward the south. The records of transfers of ownership have been taken from the Essex County Registry of Deeds.

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Newburyport, December 1, 1912.

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### LITTLE HOUSE, 306 HIGH STREET

In 1780 Jacob Coffin bought this land of his father, Benjamin, with no mention of buildings, and in 1792 sold it, with "dwelling house and other buildings," to Jacob Little. It has been claimed by some that this house was built by Mr. Little, himself, although as just shown there was a comparatively new dwelling house already on the land when he purchased it.

Jacob Coffin	until 1792
Jacob Little and family	1792-1878
Hannah M. (Mrs. Simon) Armstrong and heirs	1878-1888
Augustus H. Minchin and heirs	1888-1891
Eliza J. (Mrs. Elbridge K.) Batchelder	1891-present time.



LITTLE HOUSE

HALE HOUSE, 300 HIGH STREET

This house is believed to have been built in 1800 by Thomas Hale and has remained continuously in the hands of this family. It is now the home of his lineal descendant, Joshua Hale.





HALE HOUSE

#### SAWYER-HALE HOUSE, 281 HIGH STREET

This lot of land was occupied by Stephen Sawyer soon after 1700, the present house having been built by his descendants, probably in the latter part of the eighteenth century. In 1831 it was bought of the heirs of Enoch Sawyer by Josiah Little, passing in 1864 to his widow, Sophronia, and in 1872 to her sister, Lucy (Mrs. Ebenezer) Hale. It is now the home of the latter's lineal descendant, James W. Hale.





SAWYER-HALE HOUSE

NOYES HOUSE, 6 PARKER STREET. (NEWBURY)

This house is believed to have been built by Rev. James Noyes about 1646, having remained continuously in the hands of his descendants.





NOYES HOUSE

BASS-WHITNEY HOUSE, 22 TYNG STREET

This land was bought in 1806 by Edward Bass, by whom the house was then built, remaining in the hands of his son, Edward, until 1858. A life interest was then inherited by Thomas H. Whitney, cousin of Mr. Bass, the property passing in 1864 to his son, James E. Whitney, and other children. It is now the home of Susan S., widow of James E. Whitney.





BASS-WHITNEY HOUSE

EMERY HOUSE, 252 HIGH STREET

It is believed that this house was built prior to 1796 by Thomas Coker, being sold by his widow in 1805 to Amos Atkinson in whose family it remained until 1827. It was then bought by Flavius Emery and is now owned by his son, Rev. Rufus Emery.





EMERY HOUSE

TOPPAN HOUSE, 15 TOPPAN STREET

This house was built in 1820 by Enoch Toppan for his son, Edward, being now the home of the Misses Toppan, daughters of the latter.





TOPPAN HOUSE

#### LOWELL-JOHNSON HOUSE, 203 HIGH STREET

The land in this estate, together with that belonging to the Jackson-Dexter house, on page 11, was bought in 1771 by John Lowell and Jonathan Jackson. This house was then built by Mr. Lowell of whom it was bought in 1778 by Patrick Tracy for his son, John, who occupied it until 1809. It was then bought by Eleazer Johnson, being now the home of his lineal descendant, William R. Johnson.





LOWELL-JOHNSON HOUSE

Doorway of the Lowell-Johnson House shown on the previous page.





LOWELL-JOHNSON HOUSE

Hallway in the Lowell-Johnson House shown on page 8.



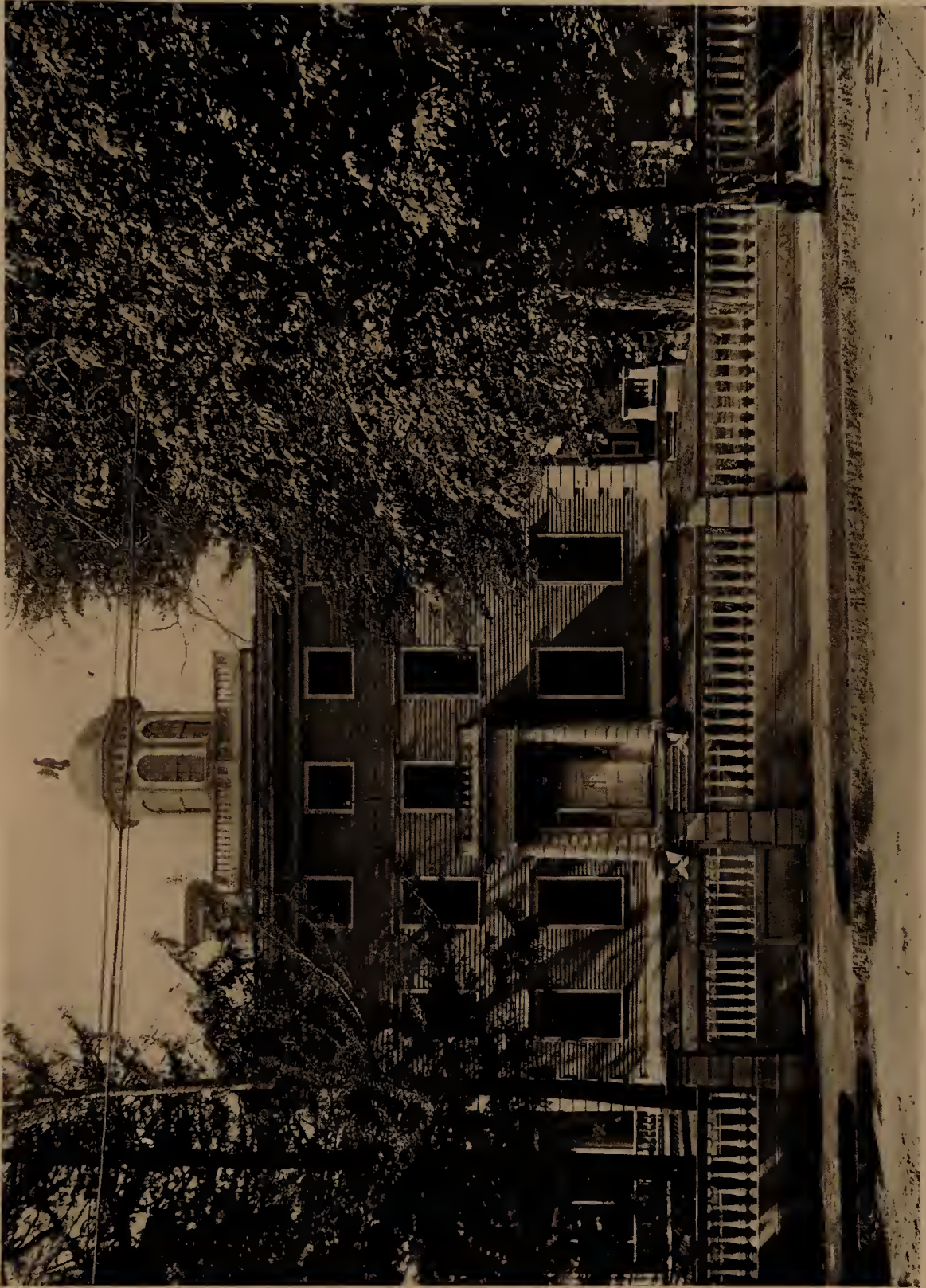
LOWELL-JOHNSON HOUSE

### JACKSON-DEXTER HOUSE, 201 HIGH STREET

The land in this estate, together with that belonging to the Lowell-Johnson House, on page 8, was bought in 1771 by Jonathan Jackson and John Lowell. Soon afterward this house was built by Mr. Jackson and the land divided. After Mr. Dexter's death, in 1806, the dwelling was occupied by various persons, for some time being used as a tavern. On the following page is a picture of this house during Mr. Dexter's occupancy.

Jonathan Jackson	until 1795
Thomas Thomas and heirs	1795-1798
Timothy Dexter and heirs	1798-1852
Elbridge G. Kelley	1852-1874
Emily A. (Mrs. George H.) Corliss	1874-1897
Mary B. (Mrs. Alexander) Johnson and heirs	1897-1902
Nathaniel G. Pierce	1902-1909
George P. Sargent	1909
Mrs. Katherine Tingley	1909-present time.





JACKSON-DEXTER HOUSE

JACKSON-DEXTER HOUSE, SHOWN ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE,  
DURING THE OCCUPANCY OF TIMOTHY DEXTER, SELF-  
STYLED "LORD DEXTER "

The images on the posts were carved in wood, standing on pedestals about fifteen feet high. The three figures over the middle arch were of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. In addition there were those of Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Alexander Hamilton and other prominent statesmen. Numerous animals were likewise represented and in the garden were the figures of Adam and Eve.





JACKSON-DEXTER HOUSE IN 1801

#### HALLWAY IN THE MOSELEY HOUSE, 166 HIGH STREET

The land for this house was bought in 1792 by Abner Wood who subsequently built a dwelling, similar in appearance to the Pike-Coffin House on page 23. In 1819 the house was bought of Mr. Wood by Ebenezer Moseley and is now the home of his lineal descendant, Charlotte M. (Mrs. Arthur C.) Nason.



MOSELEY HOUSE



Fireplace in the Moseley House shown on the previous page.



MOSELEY HOUSE

PETTINGELL-FOWLER HOUSE, 164 HIGH STREET

This property was bought in 1792 and the house built soon afterward by John Pettingell, passing in 1828 to his son-in-law, Edward S. Rand. From the latter's family it was bought in 1863 by Jacob A. Balch, being subsequently occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Moses H. Fowler, until her death, in 1909, when it was left to the Historical Society of Old Newbury.



PETTINGELL-FOWLER HOUSE



#### BARTLET-ATKINSON HOUSE, 3 MARKET STREET

William Bartlet bought this land in 1797 and built the house a few years later, it is believed in 1804, for his son, Edmund, who occupied it until his death, in 1853. The house has remained continuously in this family and is now the home of Mr. Bartlet's lineal descendants, the Misses Atkinson.

William Bartlet's own residence is shown on page 64.



BARTLET-ATKINSON HOUSE

Doorway of the Bartlet-Atkinson House shown on the previous page.





BARTLET-ATKINSON HOUSE



Hallway in the Bartlet-Atkinson House, shown on page 16. This hallway opens clear from the ground floor to the ceiling of the third floor.

The second floor of this same hallway is shown on the following page.



BARTLET-ATKINSON HOUSE

Second floor of the hallway, shown on the previous page, in the Bartlet-Atkinson House. This view shows the dividing Y construction in the landing of the first flight of stairs and its repetition in the second flight on the third story.



BARTLET-ATKINSON HOUSE



# JOHNSON-GRIFFIN HOUSE, 140-142 HIGH STREET

This land was bought in 1807 and 1808 by Isaac Adams by whom the house was subsequently built.

Isaac Adams	until 1828
Richard W. Drown	1828-1832

## NORTHERLY HALF

Ruth (Mrs. George) Jenkins	1832
Miss Mary Jenkins and heirs	1832-1868
Eliphalet Griffin and heirs	1868-present time.

## SOUTHERLY HALF

Ruth (Mrs. George) Jenkins	1832-1833
Samuel Boardman	1833-1834
Jacob W. Pierce	1834-1835
Elizabeth (Mrs. Nicholas) Johnson and heirs	1835-1897
Eli Lamprey and daughter, Mrs. Charlotte M. Noyes	1897-1908
Mrs. Virgilyn D. Hobbs, relative of Mrs. Noyes	1908-present time.



JOHNSON-GRIFFIN HOUSE

COFFIN HOUSE, 7 HIGH STREET. (NEWBURY)

This house is believed to have been built by Tristram Coffin, Jr., or by Henry Somerby, his wife's first husband, about 1650. Since the occupancy of Mr. Coffin the house has been continuously in the hands of his descendants. It is probable that the rear of this building was the original dwelling, the present side door being then the front door in the middle of the house.





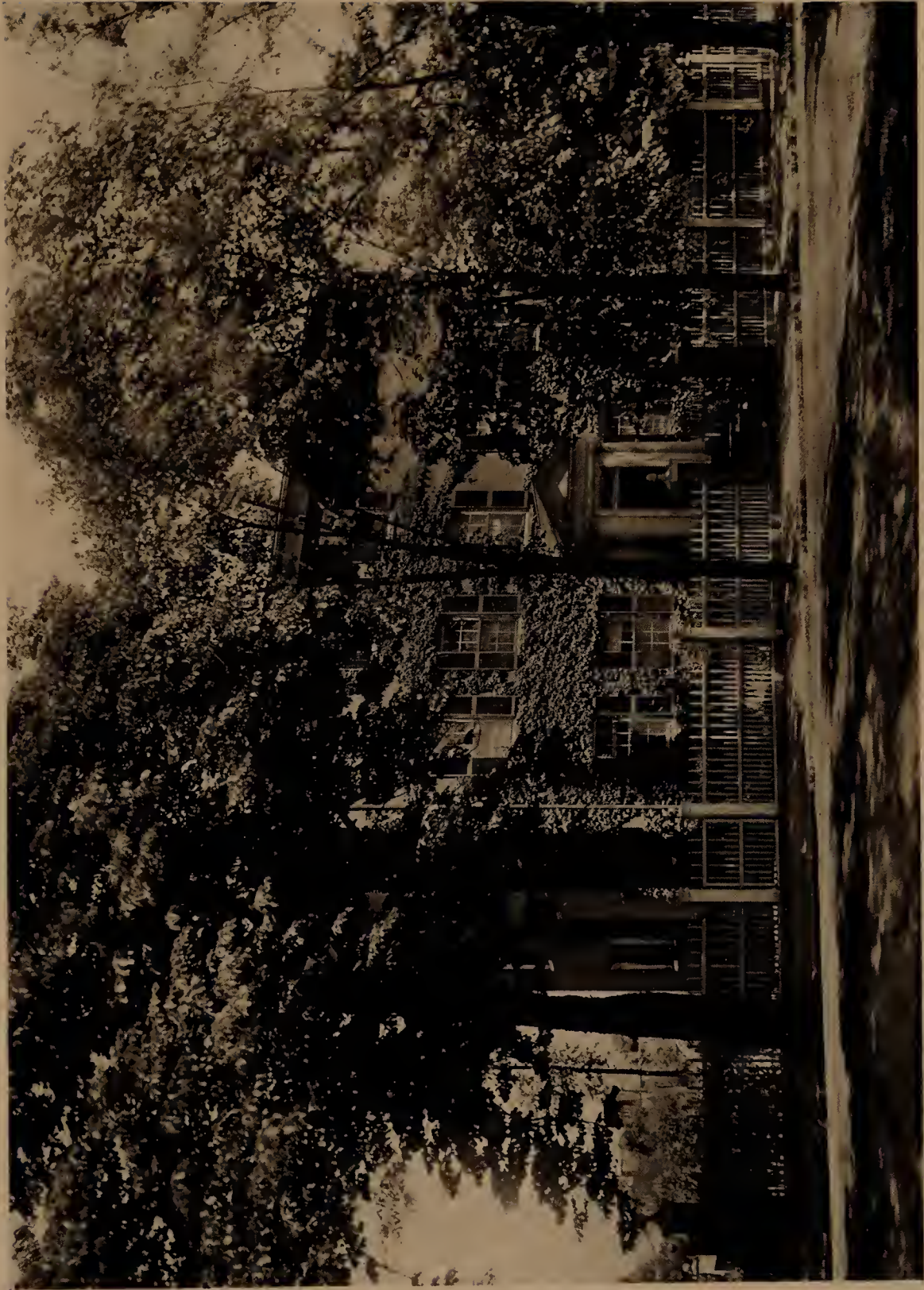
COFFIN HOUSE



“ SEWALL PLACE,” 118 HIGH STREET

This land, formerly in the Sewall family, was partially acquired in 1806 by Charles Hodge, a relative, the title being completed at a later date. The house was built by him prior to 1814, being subsequently enlarged with some changes of detail.

Charles Hodge and family	until 1847
Le Prilette Ingraham	1847-1863
Ellen C. Kane (formerly Staniels) and others	1863-1878
Eliza A. (Mrs. Samuel Bartlett) Pike	1878-1900
Willard J. Hale	1900-1903
Elisha R. Brown	1903-1907
Therese (Mrs. Carl) Fehmer	1907-present time.



"SEWALL PLACE"

PIKE-COFFIN HOUSE, 41-43 GREEN STREET

In 1806 this land was bought by James Potter who built the house shortly afterward. In 1809 it was bought of Mr. Potter by John Pettingell, passing in 1828 to his son-in-law, Joseph S. Pike, in whose family it remained until 1860. It was then bought by Frederick J. Coffin and is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin F. Peach.





PIKE-COFFIN HOUSE



# BRADBURY-SPALDING HOUSE, 28 GREEN STREET

The land in this estate was bought in 1786 by Theophilus Bradbury, who then built this house, probably prior to 1791. It is now the home of Miss Mary T. Spalding, daughter of Mr. Spalding, mentioned below.

Theophilus Bradbury and heirs	until 1811
Edward and Josiah Little, successively	1811-1814
Robert Jenkins	1814-1847
Mrs. Hannah K. Johnson and heirs	1847-1876
Mary C. Tappan	1876
Sarah J. P. (Mrs. Samuel J.) Spalding and heirs	1876-present time.



BRADBURY-SPALDING HOUSE

Doorway of the Bradbury-Spalding House shown on the previous page.





BRADBURY-SPALDING HOUSE



DAVIS HOUSE, 35 GREEN STREET

This house was built by Allen Dodge, it is believed in 1811, the land having been purchased by him in 1807.

Allen Dodge	until 1824
Parker Roberts and others	1824-1833
Richard W. Drown	1833-1840
Thomas Davis and heirs	1840-1906
James Kiley	1906-present time.



DAVIS HOUSE

### CUTLER-BARTLETT HOUSE, 32 GREEN STREET

In 1782 this house, then in process of construction, was bought from the estate of Jonathan Mulliken by John Babson and completed by him. It was divided as a double house in 1810, as shown below.

John Babson	1782-1786
WESTERLY HALF	
Joseph Cutler	1786-1810
Nathaniel Bradstreet and heirs	1810-1829
Sally (Mrs. Josiah) Bartlett and heirs	1829-1907
Miss Alice Brown	1907-present time
EASTERLY HALF	
Joseph Cutler	1786-1829
Wm., Elizabeth and Daniel Balch, successively	1829-1864
John McCusker and heirs	1864-1907
Miss Alice Brown	1907-present time.





CUTLER-BARTLETT HOUSE



Doorway of the Cutler-Bartlett House shown on the previous page.



CUTLER-BARTLETT HOUSE

### DALTON HOUSE, 95 STATE STREET

In 1746 Michael Dalton purchased this estate and, while there were included therein a "house and houslins," it is believed that the dwelling now standing was subsequently erected by him. This house is noted for the great number of its distinguished guests. George Washington and John Quincy Adams have both been entertained in it and many other famous men were frequent visitors.

During the residence here of Tristram Dalton, member of the first United States Senate, he also owned, as a country seat, the farm of several hundred acres on Pipe Stave Hill, now the property of William S. Rogers.

Michael Dalton	until 1764
Tristram Dalton, son of Michael	1764-1791
Moses Brown, his son-in-law, Wm. B. Banister, and other heirs	1791-1880
Frank A. Hale	1880-1887
Charles H. Coffin	1887-1889
E. P. Shaw	1889
Timothy Remick	1889-1897
The Dalton Club	1897-present time.





DALTON HOUSE



Doorway of the Dalton House shown on the previous page.



DALTON HOUSE

Hallway in the Dalton House shown on page 29.





DALTON HOUSE

Second floor of the hallway, shown on the previous page, in the Dalton House.



DALTON HOUSE



Fireplace in the Dalton House shown on page 29.



DALTON HOUSE

#### TILTON HOUSE, 102 STATE STREET

The land in this estate was bought by Joshua Carter in 1795. The house was subsequently built by him and sold in 1823 to Francis Todd who held it until 1850. It was then purchased by Enoch Tilton and is now the home of his daughters, the Misses Tilton.





TILTON HOUSE

#### FIREPLACE IN THE TRACY HOUSE, 94 STATE STREET

This property was bought in 1771 by Patrick Tracy who then built, for his son, Nathaniel, a brick house similar in appearance to the Cutler-Bartlett House on page 27. In 1791 this house passed from Nathaniel Tracy, through Thomas Russell, to Timothy Dexter who, successively with John Greenleaf, held it until 1800 when it was bought by James Prince. It was subsequently used as a tavern and was sold by the Prince heirs in 1830 to William Manning from whom it was purchased later in the same year by Jeremiah Coleman. After that date the house was held in the families of Mr. Coleman and William Ashby until acquired in 1864 by the Trustees of the Newburyport Public Library, by whom it was considerably altered for their purposes



TRACY HOUSE

#### ATKINSON-LITTLE HOUSE, HANOVER STREET, (NEWBURY)

The land in this estate was owned about 1650 by Robert Morse who sold the house and orchard in 1658 to Amos Stickney. Soon afterward the property was apparently acquired by John Atkinson, passing from him in 1702 to his son, Nathaniel. In 1746 the Proprietors of the Third General Pasture conveyed to Nathaniel and Joseph Atkinson a small parcel of land which carried their estate some three or four rods farther north into the Green. In 1770 and 1773 the Messrs. Atkinson, just mentioned, sold their respective interests in this property to John Noyes. The house subsequently passed to the latter's daughter, Abigail (Mrs. David) Little, and is now the home of her lineal descendants, Stephen William Little and Miss Lucy Jane Little.

As there appears to have been a dwelling house on these premises from the time of their conveyance in 1658 it is difficult to determine the exact date when the house now standing was built but it was doubtless not far from the year 1700.





ATKINSON-LITTLE HOUSE

TITCOMB-RAYMOND HOUSE, 107 STATE STREET

This land was bought by John Berry Titcomb in 1808 and the house built soon afterward, remaining in his family until 1850 when sold to George Odin. It was bought from Mr. Odin's heirs in 1865 by Lydia N. (Mrs. Curtis B.) Raymond, passing in 1907 to her sister, Miss Hannah B. Osgood.





TITCOMB-RAYMOND HOUSE

Fireplace in the Titcomb-Raymond House shown on the previous page.





TITCOMB-RAYMOND HOUSE

### STONE HOUSE, 132 STATE STREET

In 1804 this land was bought by William Woart who built the house a few years later. It is now the home of the Misses Stone, daughters of Eben F. Stone, mentioned below.

William Woart	until 1817
Ebenezer Moseley	1817
John Balch	1817-1818
Nicholas Johnson, Jr., and heirs	1818-1837
Enoch Moody and heirs	1837-1844
Ebenezer Stone and heirs	1844-1875
Eben F. Stone and heirs	1875-present time.



STONE HOUSE



# BREWSTER-COFFIN HOUSE, 96-98 HIGH STREET

The land included in this original estate was bought in 1806 by Samuel Tenney and John M. Noyes. The house was subsequently built on the northerly portion belonging to Mr. Tenney who in 1822 acquired the adjoining land of Mr. Noyes and in the same year sold the northerly half of the house, as shown below.

Samuel Tenney	until 1822
NORTHERLY HALF	
Hector Coffin	1822-1836
Phineas Parker and heirs	1836-1850
James H. Adams	1850-1851
Philip Johnson	1851-1855
First Presbyterian Society, as parsonage	1855-1872
Thomas Sparhawk and heirs	1872-1887
Carrie P. (Mrs. Leonard W.) Coker	1887-1889
Frances E. (Mrs. Charles H.) Coffin	1889-present time.
SOUTHERLY HALF	
Samuel Tenney	1822-1832
Stephen Tilton	1832-1834
Charles J. Brockway	1834-1835
Stephen Tilton	1835-1836
Joseph B. and William Hervey, successively	1836-1839
Charles T. James	1839-1846
Moses Davenport, Jr., and heirs	1846-1863
Joshua Aubin and heirs	1863-1886
Rudolph Jacoby	1886-1887
Elizabeth LeB. (Mrs. Charles) Wills	1887-1894
Frances E. (Mrs. Charles H.) Coffin	1894-1906
Ruth E. (Mrs. Allen M.) Brewster	1906-present time.



BREWSTER-COFFIN HOUSE

MOULTON HOUSE, 89-91 HIGH STREET

The land in this estate was purchased by Joseph Moulton and his son, William, in 1809. The house, built by them soon afterward, has remained continuously in this family and is now the home of their lineal descendants, William Moulton and Elizabeth C. M. (Mrs. Ernest H.) Noyes.





MOULTON HOUSE

Old garden in the rear of the Moulton House shown on the previous page.





MOULTON GARDEN



GREENLEAF-WOOD HOUSE, 87 HIGH STREET

This land was acquired by Ebenezer Greenleaf, Jr., in 1795 and the house built a few years later, believed to have been in 1799. It remained in this family until 1839 when bought by Albert Wood, being now the home of his daughter, Miss Mary L. Wood.



GREENLEAF-WOOD HOUSE

#### CUSHING HOUSE, 94 HIGH STREET

In 1808 William Hunt bought this land and built the house soon afterward. In 1818 the northerly half was purchased of his widow by John N. Cushing and in 1822 the southerly half, the entire house having subsequently remained in the latter's family. It is now the home of his lineal descendants, Lawrence B. Cushing and Miss Margaret W. Cushing.





CUSHING HOUSE

Doorway of the Cushing House shown on the previous page.





CUSHING HOUSE



# NELSON-WHEELWRIGHT HOUSE, 92 HIGH STREET

This land was bought in 1801 by Stephen Holland who subsequently built the house which is now the home of Mrs. Henry B. Wheelwright, widow of Dr. Wheelwright, mentioned below.

Stephen Holland	until 1824
Green Sanborn	1824-1829
John Harrod	1829
Sarah W. (Mrs. Joseph) Marquand	1829-1832
John Wills and heirs	1832-1837
Richard Fowler	1837-1839
Mary (Mrs. Jeremiah) Nelson and family	1839-1886
Henry B. Wheelwright and heirs	1886-present time.



NELSON-WHEELWRIGHT HOUSE

# SHORT HOUSE, 6 HIGH STREET. (NEWBURY)

This land was purchased by Nathaniel Knight in 1717 and the house built soon afterward. In 1836 and 1868 respective portions of this property were bought by Abigail, wife of Moses Short, soldier of the American Revolution, it being still the home of his daughter, Miss Ruth I. Short.

Nathaniel Knight	until 1733
William Brown and John Brown, jointly	1733-1766
Jonathan Moulton and John Brown, jointly	1766-1767
Nicholas Pettingell, Jr., and John Brown, jointly	1767-1768

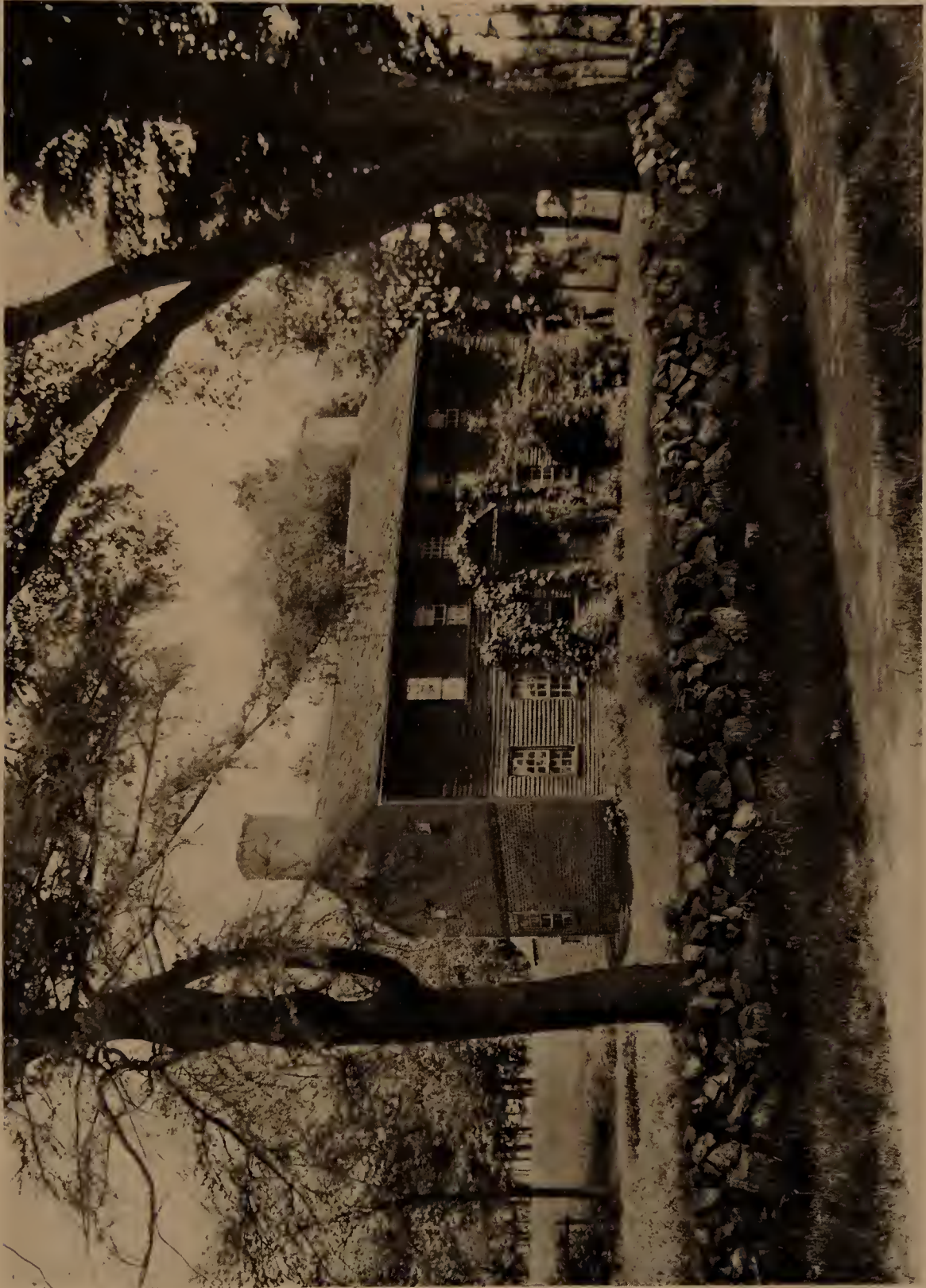
## NORTHERLY HALF

Nicholas Pettingell, Jr., and heirs	1768-1836
Abigail (Mrs. Moses) Short and heirs	1836-present time

## SOUTHERLY HALF

John Brown	1768-1769
John Stickney and heirs	1769-1805
John O'Brien	1805-1815
Joseph Kent and heirs	1815-1853
Daniel S. Tenney	1853-1867
Henry W. Moulton	1867
Joseph H. Smith	1867-1868
Abigail (Mrs. Moses) Short and heirs	1868-present time.





SHORT HOUSE

Doorway of the Short House shown on the previous page.





SHORT HOUSE



Fireplace in the Short House shown on page 47.



SHORT HOUSE

### LUNT-SHEPARD HOUSE, 79 HIGH STREET

This house was in process of construction by Enoch Thurston at the time of his death, in 1805, and was completed by Edward St. Loe Livermore. It is now the home of Mary C. (Mrs. Edward O.) Shepard, daughter of Mr. Lunt mentioned below.

Enoch Thurston and heirs	until 1805
Samuel Newman	1805
Edward St. Loe Livermore	1805-1811
Robert Foster	1811-1813
John Dean	1813-1834
George F. Pearson	1834-1838
Micajah Lunt and heirs	1838-present time.





LUNT-SHEPARD HOUSE

WILLS-RICHARDSON HOUSE, 77 HIGH STREET

This land was bought by Abraham Wheelwright in 1806 and the house built soon afterward, being now the residence of George W. Richardson.

Abraham Wheelwright	until 1813
Peter LeBreton	1813-1825
John Wills and heirs	1825-1892
Hetta L. (Mrs. Albert C.) Titcomb	1892-1908
Alice M. A. (Mrs. George W.) Richardson	1908-present time.





WILLS-RICHARDSON HOUSE



Doorway of the Wills-Richardson House, shown on the previous page. This porch, although added subsequent to the construction of this dwelling, was designed from one believed to have been built at the same period as the house in question.



WILLS-RICHARDSON HOUSE

#### WYMAN HOUSE, 8 ORANGE STREET

In 1793 this land was bought by Richard Toppan who built the house prior to 1799 when it was sold to Joshua Toppan. In 1826 it was acquired by the latter's son-in-law, Dr. Samuel W. Wyman, remaining in this family until 1903 when purchased by Willard J. Hale, the present owner.





WYMAN HOUSE

### WHEELWRIGHT HOUSE, 75 HIGH STREET

The land in this estate was bought in 1797 by Ebenezer Stocker and the house built soon afterward. In 1826 it was acquired by Ann Adams, widow, who married her cousin John Wheelwright, the estate remaining in this family until 1888 when left by will to the Old Ladies' Home.

Ebenezer Stocker	until 1808
Isaac Adams	1808-1809
Thomas Carter	1809-1824
Caroline S. (Mrs. Stephen H.) Gomez	1824-1826
Ann Adams	1826-1841
Anna Wheelwright and daughters, Susan and Elizabeth	1841-1877
Maria A. Krell (formerly Wheelwright) and family	1877-1888
Society for Relief of Aged and Indigent Females	1888-present time.





WHEELWRIGHT HOUSE



PIERCE-LITTLE HOUSE, LITTLE'S LANE, (NEWBURY) SOME-  
TIMES CALLED THE "GARRISON HOUSE" AS IT IS SAID  
TO HAVE BEEN USED AS A GARRISON AGAINST  
THE INDIANS

This estate, originally some four hundred acres, was granted to John Spencer by the Town of Newbury in 1635. It is believed that the stone portion of this house was built by him soon afterward and left in 1649 to his nephew of the same name. During the later ownership of Mr. Tracy, as indicated below, this estate was first occupied as a country seat but later as a permanent home until his death, in 1796.

John Spencer and nephew of same name	until 1651
Daniel Pierce and heirs	1651-1778
Nathaniel Tracy	1778-1786
Thomas Russell	1786-1791
Nathaniel Tracy and heirs (in exchange for man- sion house on State Street and other property)	1791-1797
Offin Boardman, Jr., and heirs	1797-1813
John Pettingell and heirs	1813-1861
Edward H. Little and heirs	1861-present time.



PIERCE-LITTLE HOUSE

DAVENPORT-GREELEY HOUSE, 78 HIGH STREET

This land was bought in 1807 by Anthony Davenport and the house built soon afterward, passing in 1838 to his daughter, Mrs. Samuel T. DeFord. It remained in this family until 1871 when bought by John A. Greeley, being now the home of his children, Lucius H. Greeley and Mrs. John W. Winder.





DAVENPORT-GREELEY HOUSE

CUSHING-BACHMAN HOUSE, 63 HIGH STREET

The land in this estate was bought in 1810 by Richard Pike who subsequently erected this dwelling. It is now the home of Mrs. Solomon Bachman and her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Bernheimer.

Richard Pike and family	until 1838
Roger S. Howard	1838-1846
Solomon Haskell	1846-1849
Caleb Cushing	1849-1868
William Cushing and heirs	1868-1878
Caleb Cushing and heirs	1878-1881
Solomon Bachman and heirs	1881-present time.





CUSHING-BACHMAN HOUSE



DOLE-LITTLE HOUSE, 78 HIGH STREET. (NEWBURY)

This house is believed to have been built by Richard Dole about 1670, remaining in this family until 1878 when bought by Francis Little, the present occupant.



DOLE-LITTLE HOUSE

Fireplace in the house of Robert S. Chase on River Road, West Newbury,  
similar in construction to the Dole-Little House on the previous page and built  
at about the same period.





CHASE HOUSE

#### GERRISH-HILLS HOUSE, 61 HIGH STREET

In 1799 this estate was bought by John O'Brien who subsequently built this house which he sold in 1817 to Jacob Gerrish. Two years later it was reconveyed to Mr. O'Brien but in 1820 it was again purchased by Mr. Gerrish, remaining in his family until 1846. It was then acquired by Nathaniel Hills, being now the home of his son, Dr. John M. Hills.



GERRISH-HILLS HOUSE



OLD GARDEN IN THE REAR OF THE KNAPP-PERRY HOUSE,  
47 HIGH STREET

This land was bought by Benjamin Peirce in 1809. The house, similar in appearance to the Moulton House, on page 41, was then built by Mr. Peirce who occupied it until his death, in 1831. It then passed to his daughter, Mrs. Joseph J. Knapp and other heirs, remaining in this family until 1898 when bought by Georgianna W. (Mrs. Charles F.) Perry, the present occupant.



KNAPP-PERRY HOUSE

### STOREY-WATERS HOUSE, 68 HIGH STREET

This house was built by Samuel Swett, it is believed in 1800, the land having been purchased by him in 1799. It is now the home of Mrs. C. E. Clement Waters.

Samuel Swett	until 1814
Isaac Park	1814-1817
Joseph O'Brien	1817-1823
Charles W. Storey and heirs	1823-1892
Nathaniel N. Jones	1892-1908
Erskine Clement, Trustee	1908-present time.





STOREY-WATERS HOUSE

#### JOHNSON HOUSE, 35 FEDERAL STREET

The land in this estate was bought in 1782 by Nicholas Johnson who subsequently erected this house which remained in the hands of his descendants until 1876. It was then sold to William H. Huse from whose widow it was purchased in 1900 by Emma F. (Mrs. Jeremiah H.) Ireland, the present owner.





JOHNSON HOUSE



#### BARTLET-PORTER HOUSE, 13 FEDERAL STREET

This property was bought by William Bartlet in 1798 and the house built soon afterward, passing at his death, in 1841, to his daughter, Hannah (Mrs. John) Porter. It remained in this family until 1874 when it was sold to Sewell B. Noyes from whose heirs it was purchased in 1906 by the Roman Catholic Church, being now occupied by Rev. J. L. M. LeVesque.

The house built by William Bartlet for his son Edmund is shown on page 16. He also gave to his son, William, another brick house of the same style, built about the year 1800 and located at 85 Water Street. This latter house still stands but is now greatly altered and dilapidated.



BARTLET-PORTER HOUSE

View across the top of the stairway in the Bartlet-Porter House shown on the previous page. Complete turning staircases rise from the front and rear of the hall extending separately to the second floor but connecting on the landings through the arched doorway.





BARTLET-PORTER HOUSE



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As it was from its commerce and ship building that Newburyport derived its early wealth and importance there are shown on the following pages two of the most noted vessels built in this place. The first is a representative type of the war-ship of the Continental period and the second shows one of the fast packets built early in the second half of the nineteenth century, which mark the highest development of the merchant sailing ships of this country.

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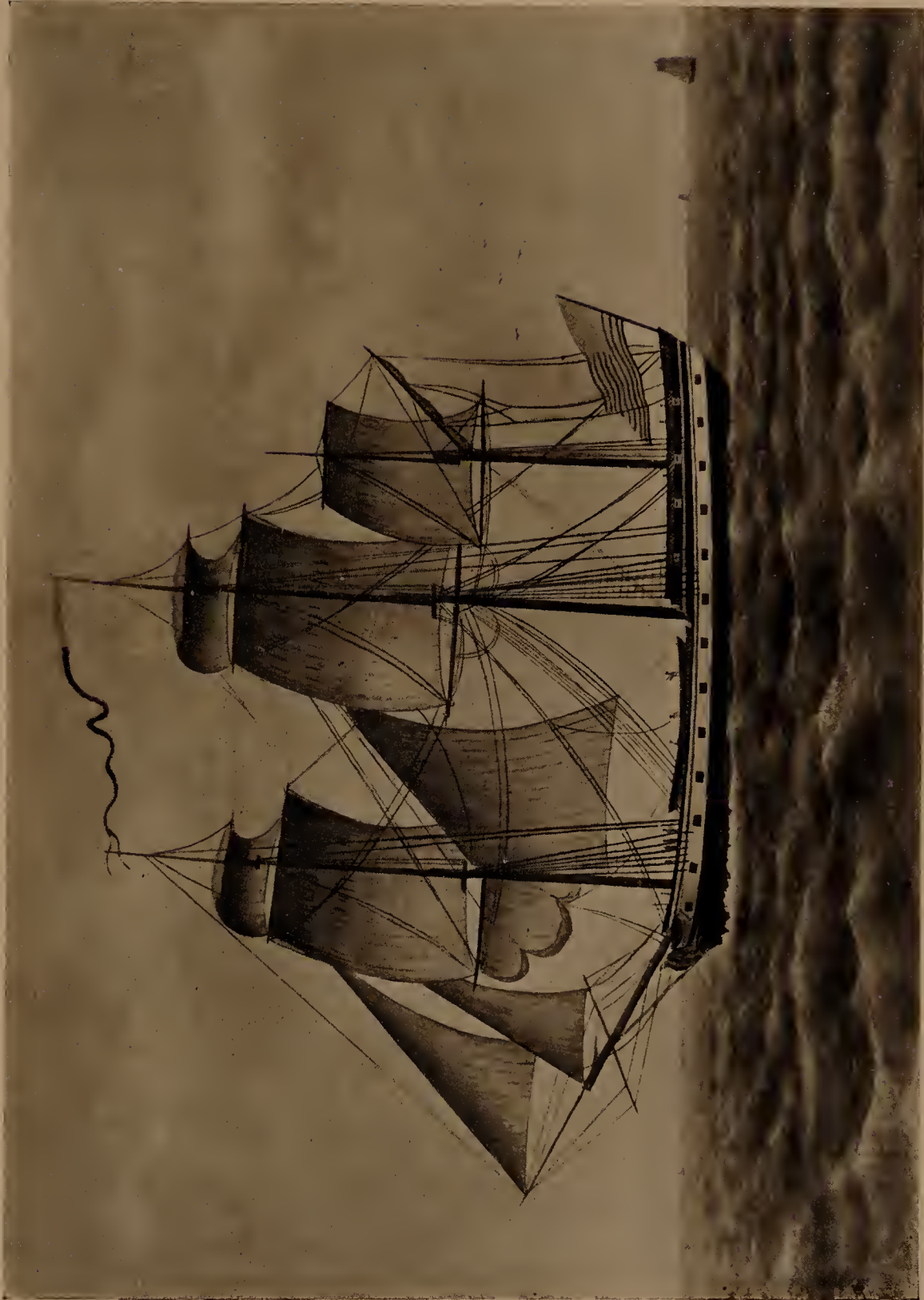


### SLOOP-OF-WAR, "MERRIMACK"

For the protection of American commerce during the naval war with France, the sloop-of-war "Merrimack" was built in 1798 by William Hackett, constructor, with William Cross, contractor, and presented by a number of Newburyport's leading citizens to the Government, to be paid for at its convenience. This vessel was of four hundred and sixty-seven tons burden, being ninety-two feet long and carrying twenty-eight guns of the nine-pound and six-pound orders.\* Her commander was Captain Moses Brown of this port.

After serving in the Navy for three years, cruising largely in the West Indian waters where she took part in many captures, the "Merrimack" was converted into a merchantman, under the name "Monticello," and was soon afterward wrecked on Cape Cod.\*

\*"Moses Brown, Captain U. S. N.," by Edgar Stanton Maclay, pp. 125-193, also "History of Newburyport," Vol. I., by John J. Currier, p. 112.



SLOOP-OF-WAR "MERRIMACK"

### CLIPPER SHIP, "DREADNOUGHT"

During the era of the clipper ships many of the most noted were built in Newburyport, including the "Racer," "Highflyer" and "Dreadnought." The most famous of all these was the "Dreadnought," nicknamed "The Wild Boat of the Atlantic." She was built in 1853 by Currier and Townsend and was of fourteen hundred and thirteen tons register and two hundred and ten feet in length, being owned by David Ogden and others of New York.\* She was commanded by Captain Samuel Samuels who is authority for the statement that she was never passed in anything over a four-knot breeze.†

This ship was employed largely as a packet between New York and Liverpool, making some sixty to seventy passages across the Atlantic. Her best run was to the eastward, February 27 - March 12, 1859, in thirteen days, eight hours, being within seven hours of the fastest record of a sailing ship, made by the "Red Jacket" in 1854.\* The "Dreadnought" has been credited with a much shorter passage but it is difficult to substantiate this claim and in his history of the ship contained in "From the Forecastle to the Cabin," Captain Samuels does not mention such a voyage but particularly refers to the above-mentioned run of thirteen days, eight hours.†

After a short career the "Dreadnought" was wrecked off Cape Horn in 1869.\*

\*"The Clipper Ship Era," by Arthur H. Clark, pp. 243-247.

†"From the Forecastle to the Cabin," by Samuel Samuels, pp. 250, 257





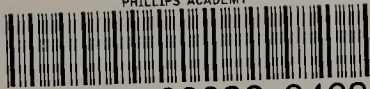
CLIPPER SHIP, "DREADNOUGHT"







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